Court Rules In His Favor

Greensburg Man Explains Reason Behind Taking CIA Issue Before Supreme Court

GREENSBURG, Pa. — [illegible] defender's office in this western Pennsylvania county seat. Mr. William B. Richardson [illegible] his five-year battle to [illegible] and the father of three [illegible] government to make [illegible] he acknowledges [illegible] budget of the super-secret [illegible] government [illegible] Central Intelligence Agency [illegible] service" but steadfastly [illegible] him, a matter of "conscience [illegible] to say in what capacity [illegible] and concern for my country [illegible] wishing to disclose him [illegible] the CIA acknowledge [illegible] Richardson was a [illegible] employee, but [illegible] claiming that [illegible] agency employee [illegible] personal [illegible] representative [illegible] event [illegible] Richardson, who speaks with [illegible] Southern drawl [illegible] the object of his suit is to [illegible] Supreme Court [illegible] the disclosure of the public the "[illegible] government's [illegible] amount spent by the [illegible] attempt to block [illegible] the CIA in "image wars," he's U.S. [illegible] international companies in their [illegible] and a subsequent [illegible] investigations with foreign gov[illegible] amination of secrecy statements, and to provide the [illegible] ing money spent by the CIA [illegible] policy "his court [illegible] The government claimed [illegible] had for years."

[illegible] American Civil Liberties Union and attorneys [illegible] only, the government [illegible] side of the case. It has [illegible] York headquarters [illegible] to indicate whether it will [illegible] act on a petition by Richardson [illegible] on alleges that in the [illegible] government's annual statement [illegible] asking that it take jurisdiction [illegible] account, there is no provi[illegible] in the matter from a lo[illegible] sion made for the CIA. He [illegible] court.

Richardson, a law school [illegible] says, however he has heard un[illegible] graduate, now is employed as [illegible] officially [illegible] the agency annual[illegible] ab investigator for the [illegible] ly spends [illegible] billion to $8 billion. [illegible] moreland County Public [illegible] He says the [illegible] sponsored by the National Secrecy Act of 1958, now hidden in numerous accounts of agencies within the general accounting.

"We have a criminal conspiracy in Washington against the proper production of a constitutional document," said Richardson, naming as coordinators of the alleged plot the directors of Annual Accounting and the Bureau of Management and Budget, and the secretary of the Treasury.

"There is no question that [illegible] U.S. Treasury is lying to [illegible] question that they are producing a fraudulent document; no question that the Constitution requires a truthful accounting from the treasury," he said.

Richardson said he "can see nothing the CIA has ever done except to spend billions and billions of dollars and grow larger.

"We have practically lost all of our national wealth through this clandestine spending; it has ruined us. And they (the government and the CIA) want to continue it. They apparently feel it is just too good a thing; there's nobody looking over their shoulder."

Richardson, who left government service 17 years ago, said he first decided to attempt to do something about the secrecy of the CIA budget in 1966, when he read reports in the New York Times and Ramparts magazine concerning the alleged use of CIA funds in philanthropic organizations to sway public opinion on various subjects.

"I've got three children and I want them to live in a decent country," said Richardson, who is in his 40s.

Asked whether he thought there has been any pressure brought to bear on him since his action against the government, he said he couldn't be certain.

He did say, although unable to substantiate it, that he thought Washington had something to do with me being fired from my job as an investigator for an insurance company." He said he was unemployed afterward for 15 months.

"But what hapens to me isn't important. What hapens to the government is," he said.

He said his only hope now is that the Supreme Court will decide to hear his side of the case, too.